

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

CASHLESS TRANSACTIONS WITHOUT CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT CARDS OR
CHECKS

Cashless transactions are performed by transmitting information identifying a purchaser of a product without identifying a payment account for the purchaser. The transmitted identifying information is received at a central processing point and processed to determine if the purchaser is a registered purchaser. A notice confirming registration, which may take the form of a purchase authorization, is transmitted from the central processing point if the purchaser is determined to be registered. The transmitted notice is received at the point of purchase and a bill is generated for the purchased product responsive to receipt of the notice.